

Economic Activity of Population in Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2024

Preliminary results of Labour Force Survey in the 2nd quarter of 2024

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55.9%

Economic activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship

The results of Labour Force Survey (LFS), presenting average data for quarter showed, that in the 2nd quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship, economically active persons accounted for 55.9% of population in the age group 15–89 years. The value of this indicator decreased by 1.3 percentage point compared to the previous quarter and by 0.6 percentage point in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023.

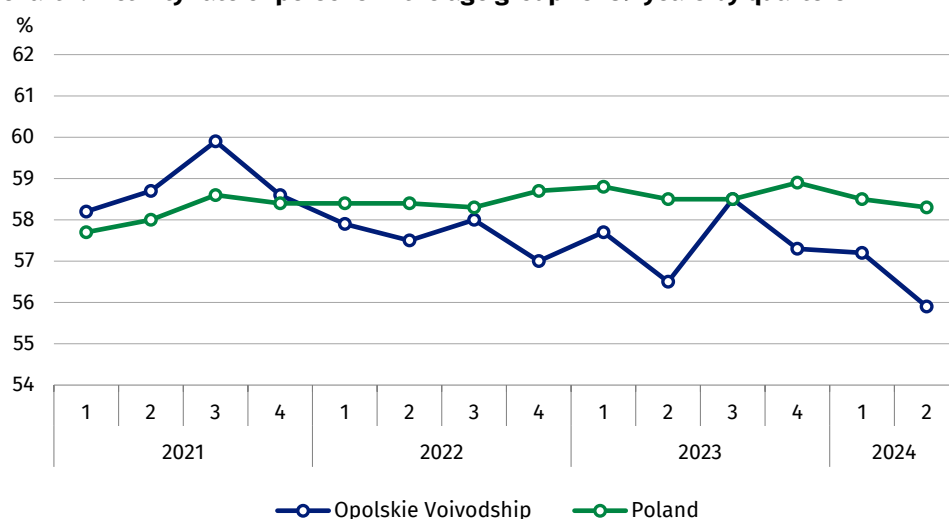
Economic activity of the population

The number of population in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2024 amounted to 746 thousand persons and decreased both in quarterly scale as well as compared to corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021 (by 0.1%, by 0.5% and by 2.1%, respectively). Population of the economically active amounted to 417 thousand persons.

The number of the economically inactive was 330 thousand persons. The population of economically active in the 2nd quarter of 2024 decreased by 10 thousand, i.e. 2.3% in comparison to the previous quarter, while in relation to 2nd quarter of 2023 and 2021: by 7 thousand, i.e. 1.7% and by 30 thousand, i.e. by 6.7%, respectively.

Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years in Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2024 was at the level of 55.9% and its value decreased on a quarterly basis (by 1.3 percentage point) as well as compared to the corresponding quarters of 2023 and 2021 (by 0.6 percentage point and 2.8 percentage points, respectively).

Chart 1. Activity rate of persons in the age group 15–89 years by quarters



The share of economically active in the total number of persons in the age group 15–89 years in the 2nd quarter of 2024 was higher among men and amounted to 65.1%, while in the population of women this percentage was at the level of 47.4%. Considering the place

Men's activity rate was higher than women's

of residence, said rate was higher among rural inhabitants than urban ones (56.8% versus 55.1%).

Taking age groups into account, there was a diverse level of economic activity. The highest value of the activity rate in Opolskie Voivodship occurred in case of persons in the age group 35–44 years (90.1%) and was at the lower level (of 3.2 percentage points) than in the 1st quarter of 2024 and (of 0.1 percentage point) compared to the 2nd quarter of 2023. The lowest activity rate was recorded among persons in the age group 55–89 years (24.4%) and its value increased (by 0.2 percentage point) on quarterly basis, however decreased (by 1.9 percentage point) on annual basis.

For working age population the measure in question in the 2nd quarter of 2024 amounted to 80.1% and its value, in relation to the previous quarter, decreased by 3.3 percentage points, however increased by 0.7 percentage point compared to the 2nd quarter of 2023 (in the country – 81.2% and a decrease of 0.4 percentage point on quarterly basis, while an increase of 0.3 percentage point in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023).

Considering education level, the highest value of the activity rate occurred among persons with a tertiary education (78.4%) and decreased on a quarterly and annual basis (by 2.5 percentage points and by 0.2 percentage point, respectively). The lowest value of the indicator (17.0%) was recorded for persons with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education and its value, compared to the 1st quarter of 2024, was at the same level, however decreased (by 1.3 percentage point) in relation to 2nd quarter of 2023.

The indicator describing relation between unemployed persons (unemployed in the age 15–74 years or the economically inactive in the age group 15–89 years) to the number of employed persons (in the age group 15–89 years) increased on a quarterly basis, as well as in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023 and 2021. In Opolskie Voivodship in the 2nd quarter of 2024, per 100 employed persons, there were 820 unemployed ones (in the 1st quarter of 2024 – 818, in the 2nd quarter of 2023 – 812, while in the 2nd quarter of 2021 – 764). In the country this indicator amounted to 764 (in the 1st quarter of 2024 – 765, in the 2nd quarter of 2023 – 755, while in the 2nd quarter of 2021 – 786).

Employed persons

In the 2nd quarter of 2024, in Opolskie Voivodship the population of the employed in the age group 15–89 years amounted to 410 thousand persons and decreased both in relation to the previous quarter as well as corresponding periods of 2023 and 2021: by 0.2% (i.e. by 1 thousand persons), by 1.0% (i.e. by 4 thousand persons) and by 5.1% (i.e. by 22 thousand persons, respectively).

In the structure of the employed by sex, over a half were men, whose share amounted to 55.6% (i.e. 228 thousand persons), and by the place of residence – urban inhabitants (53.0%, i.e. 218 thousand persons).

Considering the division by sex, both on quarterly as well as annual basis, a decline was recorded in the number of employed women (of 4.2% and of 3.7%, respectively), with a simultaneous increase in the number of employed men (of 3.2% and of 1.8%).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly and annual basis, there was a decrease in the number of employed rural inhabitants (of 5.9% and of 1.0%, respectively), while the number of employed urban inhabitants increased (by 5.8%) on quarterly basis, while in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023 it remained unchanged.

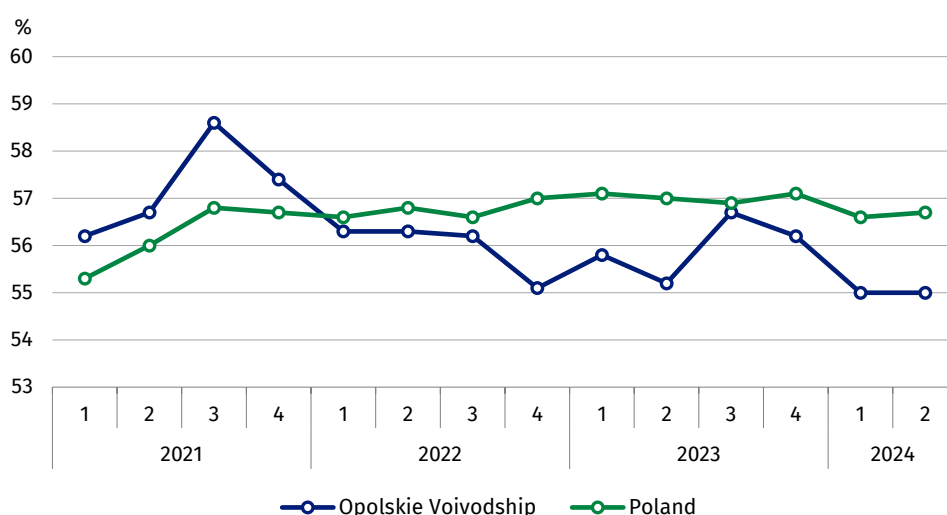
Taking the age of the employed into account, in the 2nd quarter of 2024, the largest share among the employed was registered for persons in the age group 35–44 years – 30.7%, i.e. more by 1.3 percentage point versus previous quarter and by 2.7 percentage points in comparison with 2nd quarter of 2023. The lowest percentage was recorded for the

employed in the age group 15–24 years (5.8% - higher by 0.9 percentage point on quarterly basis, however lower by 0.5 percentage point on annual basis). Persons in working age in the 2nd quarter of 2024 accounted for 95.6% of the total number of the employed (in the 1st quarter of 2024 – 96.1%, while in the 2nd quarter of 2023 – 95.2%).

In the structure of the employed by level of education, in the 2nd quarter of 2024, the largest share concerned persons with tertiary education (34.9% - decrease of 3.1 percentage point in relation to the 1st quarter of 2024, while a decrease of 2.8 percentage point in comparison to 2nd quarter of 2023), while the lowest with lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education (4.1% - increase of 0.2 percentage point on quarterly basis, however a decrease of 0.7 percentage point on annual basis).

The value of employment rate in the 2nd quarter of 2024 in Opolskie Voivodship shaped as in the previous quarter – on the level of 55.0% (in the country – 56.7%) and decreased in comparison with the 2nd quarter of 2023 and 2021: by 0.2 percentage point and by 1.7 percentage point, respectively.

Chart 2. Employment rate of persons in the age group 15–89 by quarters



By analysing the population of the employed by sex, a higher employment rate occurred in the voivodship among men (63.7% versus 46.9% for women), and by considering the place of residence – among rural inhabitants (55.9% versus 54.4% for urban ones).

Taking the division by sex into account, compared to the 1st quarter of 2024, as well as to 2nd quarter of 2023, the value of employment rate decreased among women (by 1.9 percentage point and by 1.6 percentage point, respectively), however increased in the group of men (by 2.1 percentage points and by 1.5 percentage point).

Considering the place of residence, on quarterly basis, as well as annual one, the level of employment rate decreased among rural inhabitants (by 3.3 percentage points and by 0.3 percentage point, respectively), while it increased among urban ones (by 3.0 percentage points and by 0.4 percentage point).

Value of employment rate for working age population in the voivodship, shaped at the level of 78.7%, i.e. lower by 1.4 percentage point than in the 1st quarter of 2024, however higher by 1.3 percentage point in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023 (in the country – 79.0% and growth: by 0.1 percentage point and by 0.3 percentage point, respectively).

On a quarterly basis, among the total number of the employed in Opolskie Voivodship, there was an increase in the share of workers employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer – by 1.2 percentage point to the level of 80.0% (i.e. 329 thousand persons), while on annual basis a decrease was recorded (of 3.3 percentage points). On the other hand, the share of self-employed persons decreased compared to the previous quarter

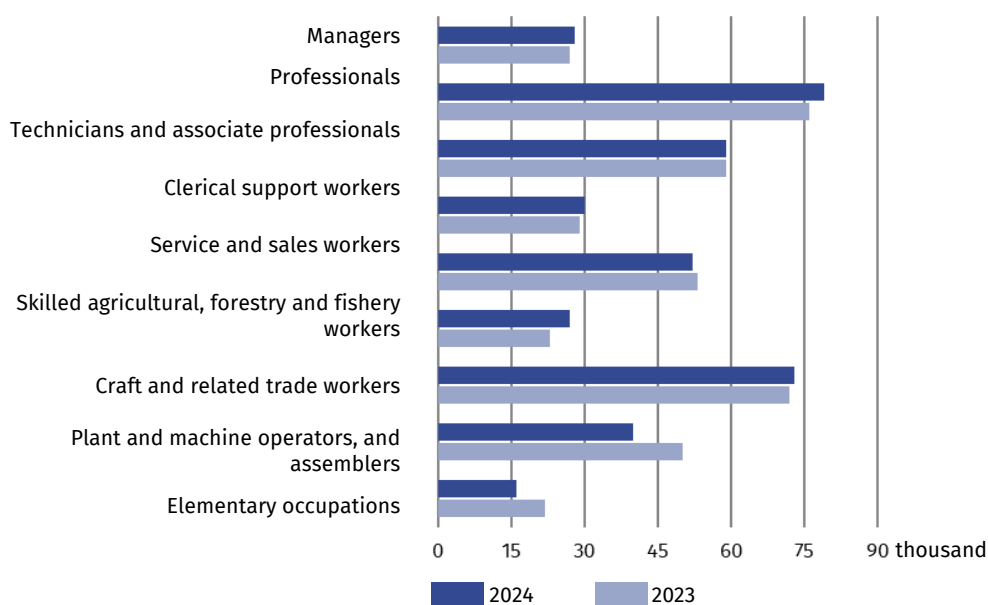
Employment rate was significantly higher in the population of men than of women

by 1.3 percentage point, to the level of 18.7% (i.e. 77 thousand persons) and increased on annual basis (by 3.0 percentage points).

Among persons employed in public companies/institutions or by a private employer, a vast majority performed their work on the basis of a job contract for indefinite term – 85.7% (i.e. 282 thousand persons). This share increased (by 0.8 percentage point) compared to the previous quarter and (by 3.4 percentage points) in comparison with 2nd quarter of 2023.

The largest percentage of the employed in the 2nd quarter of 2024 concerned persons, who, during a reference week, worked in the main workplace 40 and more hours (66.7%, i.e. fewer by 9.5 percentage points than in the 1st quarter of 2024, while more by 2.1 percentage points compared to the 2nd quarter of 2023). In the analysed group of persons, over a half (61.7%) were men; urban inhabitants also had a larger share (54.4%). Percentage of the employed working part-time shaped at the level 12.2% for a group of persons, who worked 30–39 hours during a week and 8.0% for the group, which worked from 20 to 29 hours. Out of surveyed persons, 7.1% worked less than 20 hours a week.

Chart 3. Employed persons in the age group 15–89 by selected occupational groups in the 2nd quarter



In the 2nd quarter of 2024, the most persons were employed in the profession from the group of professionals (79 thousand) and accounted for 19.3% of all employed persons. Among women, share for this occupational group amounted to 28.0% and was higher by 2.2 percentage points than in the previous quarter and by 1.0 percentage point compared to the 2nd quarter of 2023. A group of service and sales workers also had a significant share – 21.4% (this percentage increased by 3.0 percentage points compared to the previous quarter and by 0.2 percentage point on annual basis). Among men the most persons worked in occupational group of craft and related trade workers (27.6% - decrease of 0.5 percentage point in comparison with previous quarter and by 1.0 percentage point in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023), followed by group of plant and machine operators and assemblers (15.4% - decrease of 2.2 percentage points on quarterly basis and by 3.4 percentage points on annual scale).

Economically inactive persons

The population of the economically inactive in the age 15–89 years in the 2nd quarter of 2024 accounted for 330 thousand persons in Opolskie Voivodship, i.e. 44.2% of the total number of persons in the said age group (versus 41.7% – in the country). Analysed population number

increased compared to the previous quarter, as well as in relation to the 2nd quarter of 2023 and 2021: by 3.1%, by 1.2% and by 4.8%, respectively.

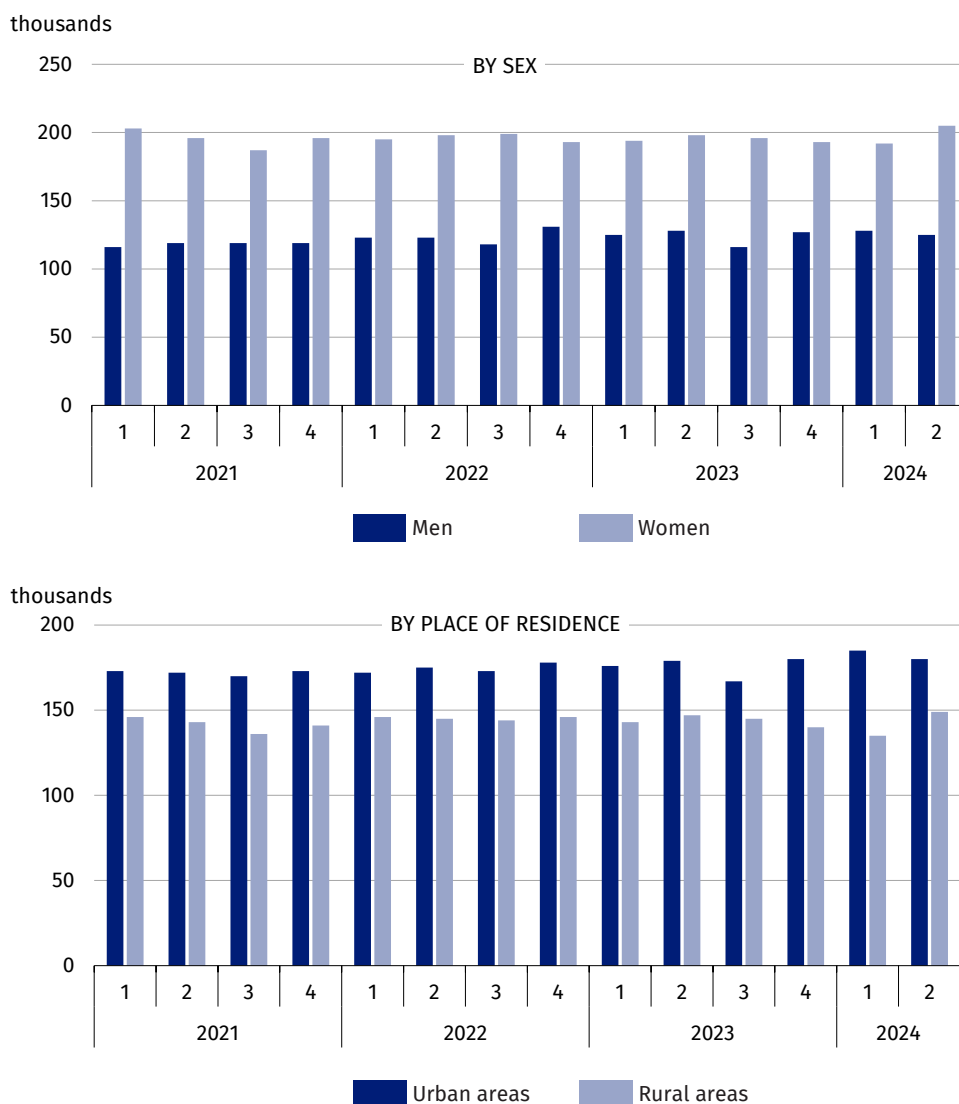
Over a half of economically inactive persons are women – 62.1%, i.e. 205 thousand.

Considering the place of residence, urban inhabitants constituted 54.7% of this population (i.e. 180 thousand persons).

In terms of sex, both on quarterly, as well as annual basis, there was an increase in the number of economically inactive persons among women (by 6.8% and by 3.5%, respectively), while for men there was a decrease (2.3% each).

Over a half of economically inactive persons were women

Chart 4. Economically inactive persons aged 15–89 years by sex and place of residence as well as quarters



Considering place of residence, on quarterly basis, an increase was recorded in the number of economically inactive among rural inhabitants (of 10.4%), while a decrease in the group of urban ones (of 2.7%). On the other hand, on annual basis, the number of analysed population increased, regardless of the place of residence, with a greater extent among rural inhabitants (by 1.4% versus 0.6% in urban areas).

Out of economically inactive in the voivodship, 99 thousand persons, i.e. 30.0% were of working age. Economically inactive persons mostly had a lower secondary, primary, incomplete primary or no school education as well as basic vocational/sectoral education (28.0% each).

The main reason for the inactivity of economically inactive persons in the age group 15–74 years (for this group a cause for inactivity was determined), amounting to 269 thousand persons, was retirement – 53.5%. Among persons receiving pension 62.2% were women.

Education and training were the reasons for work inactivity and not seeking job in the 2nd quarter of 2024 for 18.6% of economically inactive persons. Illness or disability as a reason for economic inactivity was reported by 10.8% persons, while family and household responsibilities – 8.2% of the economically inactive from the discussed age group.

Table 1. Economic activity of the population aged 15-89 in Opolskie Voivodship against the background of the country

SPECIFICATION	2021	2023	2024	
	2 quarter		1 quarter	2 quarter
POLAND				
Economically active in thousands	17728	17746	17754	17678
employed	17101	17292	17194	17205
unemployed ^a	627	454	559	472
Economically inactive in thousands	12816	12608	12600	12667
Activity rate in %	58.0	58.5	58.5	58.3
Employment rate in %	56.0	57.0	56.6	56.7
Unemployment rate in %	3.5	2.6	3.1	2.7
OPOLSKIE VOIVODSHIP				
Economically active in thousands	447	424	427	417
employed	432	414	411	410
unemployed ^a	15	10	16	.
Economically inactive in thousands	315	326	320	330
Activity rate in %	58.7	56.5	57.2	55.9
Employment rate in %	56.7	55.2	55.0	55.0
Unemployment rate in %	3.4	2.4	3.7	.

a Persons aged 15–74 years.

Table 2. Activity rate in the age group 15-89 by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2021	2023	2024	
	2 quarter		1 quarter	2 quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	58.7	56.5	57.2	55.9
of which in working age ^a	81.6	79.4	83.4	80.1
men	67.5	64.2	64.1	65.1
women	50.5	49.2	50.6	47.4
Urban areas	58.3	55.4	53.9	55.1
Rural areas	59.1	57.6	61.0	56.8
By age:				
15–24 years	34.9	33.3	27.2	30.9
25–34	85.3	83.2	87.3	87.0
35–44	89.1	90.2	93.3	90.1
45–54	88.0	87.6	91.5	85.3
55–89 years	27.2	26.3	24.2	24.4

a Men 18–64 years; women 18–59 years.

Table 3. Employment rate in the age group 15-89 by sex, place of residence and age groups

SPECIFICATION	2021	2023	2024	
	2 quarter		1 quarter	2 quarter
	in %			
TOTAL	56.7	55.2	55.0	55.0
of which in working age ^a	78.7	77.4	80.1	78.7
men	65.8	62.2	61.6	63.7
women	48.5	48.5	48.8	46.9
Urban areas	56.1	54.0	51.4	54.4
Rural areas	57.7	56.2	59.2	55.9
By age:				
15-24 years	30.1	32.1	24.7	29.6
25-34	81.9	81.3	82.4	84.8
35-44	86.9	87.2	90.3	88.7
45-54	85.7	86.8	89.1	84.5
55-89 years	26.9	26.0	23.8	24.4

a Men 18-64 years; women 18-59 years.

Note. LFS results refer to the population residing or intending to stay in the country for at least 12 months, living in households. Data collected in representative survey up to 3rd quarter of 2023 have been generalised to the general population with the use of balances prepared on the basis of the results of National Housing and Population Census 2011. Since 4th quarter of 2023, as to generalise the survey results to general population, data on the resident population from the balances prepared on the basis of National Housing and Population Census 2021 results were used. Data for the period from 1st quarter of 2021 to the 3rd quarter of 2023 were calculated in accordance with the new basis for generalising the results, therefore they differ from those presented in the earlier editions of the signal study..

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